

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification as follows:

The present invention is related to the following applications entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VALIDATING AND CONFIGURING DATABASE TRANSACTION REQUESTS FROM MULTIPLE CLIENTS", serial no. 10/756,932, attorney docket no. AUS920030927US1, filed on January 14, 2004, and "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING QUERY AND RESPONSE STATEMENTS AT RUNTIME FROM GENERIC REQUESTS", serial no. _____, 10/803,658, attorney docket no. AUS920030928US1, filed on _____, March 18, 2004, assigned to the same assignee, and incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend the only paragraph on page 5 of the specification as follows:

The present invention provides a method in a data processing system for generating return data responsive to a database request. A response from a data store is detected. A merge reference section in a singleton in-memory object is located. A merge reference of the merge reference section is identified. A reference column from the merge reference is determined and data is merged with the reference column to form a merged value according to an order. The merged value is then placed in the response. Additionally, [[A]] a method in a data processing system for executing a request on a data store is provided. A request is received that contains data. A split reference section in a singleton in-memory object is located. A split reference from the split reference section is identified. A reference column from the split reference is determined. A value from the data is extracted and placed in the reference column according to an order.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 37 of the specification as follows:

A determination is then made as to whether there is an additional reference column to be split (step **1338**). This may be determined by whether there [[is]] are additional reference elements in the same splitReference element. If there is an additional reference column, the server goes to the next reference column (step **1340**), represented by another reference element, and the process repeats from step **1330**. If there is no additional reference column, a determination is made as to whether there is an additional requested field represented by the splitReference element in the split reference section (step **1342**).